GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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LEVY SUGAR PRICE EQUALISATION FUND
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have not fixed the wholesalers and retailers commission for levy sugar under Levy Sugar Price Equalisation Fund (LSPEF) after 1997-98;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(c) the time by which a decision regarding commission for levy sugar is likely to be taken by the Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a),(b)&(c): On receipt of proposals from the State Governments, the Central Government fixes the margins for wholesalers and retailers for distribution of levy sugar in the Public Distribution System. The margins once fixed continue to be operative till the same are revised. The guidelines for fixation of margins were revised with effect from 1.4.1996 and since then the margins have been revised in the case of the following States for the period indicated against each:

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Andhra Pradesh  1999-2000
Bihar   Feb.-March, 2000
Delhi   1996-97
Gujarat   1996-97
Goa   1996-97 (wholesaler only)
Haryana   1999-2000
Himachal Pradesh 1997-98
Karnataka  1996-97 (except transportation charges)
Kerala   1996-97 (in respect of wholesaler)
Orissa   Feb.-March, 2000
Punjab   1997-98
Rajasthan  1998-99
Tripura   1997-98
Uttar Pradesh  1996-97 (except transportation & handling charges)
West Bengal  December 1999 - March, 2000
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The proposals were also received from the State Governments of Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab and Tripura for revision of margins. On scrutiny of the proposals, certain clarifications and documents were asked for from the State Governments. The needful has been done by only one State, viz., Tripura, so far. The replies from the other State Governments are still awaited. Further action to fix the margins in respect of Tripura is being taken.

No proposal for the revision of margins has been received from any of the remaining State Governments.